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WILHELMINA TOP-SCORER IN FIRST DIVISION

Fiorentina in Amazing Feat

ALTHOUGH it has played five rounds less than most of the clubs in its division, undefeated and undrawn Fiorentina has gone to the head of the Third Division Reserves League, and looks a certainty to stay there with only one round to go.

After 16 matches, this young Italian club has the maximum 32 points, and has scored 77 goals whilst conceding only four — a most remarkable record.

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Narrowly Misses Percentage Honors

WILHELMINA scored 50 goals for the season to be the top scorer in the First Division, a creditable performance for its first year in the senior League.

Yarra Park for 2nd Division

ALTHOUGH Yarra Park has weakened badly in the home stretch, losing to Coburg four weeks ago, then yielding three draws in a row to Colts, Maccabi and Frankston, it has won promotion to the Second Division.

By contrast, Dandenong Rovers are moving from strength to strength, and could easily win their last two matches against co-leaders, Coburg and Yarra Park, to win both the pennant and promotion.

On the other hand, if Dandenong loses both matches, Yarra Park will get the flag, and Coburg will have pipped the Rovers for promotion on goal percentage.

Hence, neither the Dandenong nor Coburg players can be blamed if they take the field all tensed up for today's decider.

The Dutchmen narrowly missed leading the division on percentage, too, conceding only three goals more than the number which would have earned them this distinction. This could give some point to their claim that the repeated absence of Joe Ruyters on representative missions interstate was costly for their club.

Although it has been said with some small degree of justification that J.U.S.T. and Moreland enjoyed some lucky breaks during the season, it cannot be denied that, despite some lapses, their performances were the most consistent in the League, and their one-two finish is well merited.

A ladder based on percentage of "goals for" over "goals against" works out as follows:—

	%
J.U.S.T.	148½
MORELAND	145
WILHELMINA	139
JUVENTUS	118½
SLAVIA	118
POLONIA	112½
HAKOAH	103
GEELONG	90½
BRIGHTON	64
BOX HILL	21

Today's Teams**Dockerty Cup****SEMI-FINAL.**

JUVENTUS		J.U.S.T.	
VITI	1	LUCIAN	
PICINICH	2	BRENNER	
MARINI	3	GUNGL	
COSTA	4	JAKUS	
GUARDIANI	5	RAKIC	
KASSAI	6	VELLA, A.	
PLATEO	7	VELLA, E.	
BOTTARI	8	CUBERO	
ARANYI	9	VIDOVIC	
SAICO	10	LUNARO	
BRESSAN	11	NEMETH	

RESERVES:

MASSESE	STRAHAN
ZAVATIER	TEUBEN
PARLATONI	

Referee: Mr. HARRISON.
Linesmen: Mr. HUTCHINSON.
Mr. WARD.

Armstrong Reserve Cup**SEMI-FINAL.**

SLAVIA.		POLONIA.	
SMITH	1	SLADE	
KODAK	2	WINTERLING	
HELLIBRAND	3	STRAHAN	
VLCEK	4	GARNCARCZYK	
KRISTA	5	ULANOWSKI	
WITTIG	6	ULBRYCHT	
SPEGMAR	7	WOLLO	
McFADYEN	8	SWOBODA	
ARMSTRONG	9	PITTONI	
DICKSON	10	VANEK	
CLAUSEN	11	ROLEF	

RESERVES:

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Linesmen: Mr. BARTOLO.
Mr. STAFFRACE.

Scotland for World Cup Win?

SCOTLAND reads like the winner of the first World Cup semi-final, postponed from last Sunday, at Olympic Park tomorrow.

Apart from State captain, Bob Wemyss, and 'keeper Brydson, Scotland's team includes four Hakoah stars — Tom Jack, Syd Thomas, Bill Blackley and Hans Egger — and no less than five of Slavia's ace players — Bill Laurie, Bunty Hyndman, Bill Bell, Alec Glennie and Bill Copeland.

All adept at Cup type of play, they have combined well in earlier rounds to defeat Hungary and

Austria, and must be considered favourites for to-morrow's match.

Jugoslavia can draw only five players from League premier, J.U.S.T., the remainder coming from the Reserve side or lesser clubs. Although Jugoslavia won creditable victories over Ireland and Australia, it is doubtful whether the five J.U.S.T. stars — Rakic, Gungl, Jakus, Cubero and Vidovic — can hold the side together sufficiently well to beat the tear-away Scots.

The earlier match to-morrow is the quarter-final re-play between Poland and Latvia, who have drawn twice.

Victorian State Team 1957

This picture was taken on July 7, 1957, and shows the State team and officials just before they took the field to meet the touring Hungarian club, Ferencvaros. They are (from left to right) (back row): Don Hodgson, Mr. John Oliphant (Manager), Cor Mathyssen, Sjell de Bruyckere, Bob Wemyss (Captain), Max Vivoli (Vice-Captain), Remo Guardiani, Rein Yntema, Tom Jack, Mr. Bill Lyons (Trainer), Mr. Len Young (Coach), Mr. Albert Ballish (Assistant Manager). (Front row): Joe Ruyters, Lolly Vella, Tony Vella, Pepe Cubero, Ralph Piercy, Frank Loughran and George Penzo.

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Fixtures for Saturday,
September 28, 1957.

Dockerty Cup Semi-final.

POLONIA v. MORELAND.

Armstrong Reserve Cup Semi-final.

RICHMOND v. BOX HILL.

THIRD DIVISION.

YARRA PARK v. DANDENONG
ROVERS.

MACCABI v. F.N.D.
SUNSHINE UTD. v. PARK
RANGERS.

THIRD DIV. RESERVES.

Matches cancelled in the Third
Division Reserves and points
awarded are as follows:—

W.O. Coburg v. Sunshine Utd.,
L.P.

W.O. Lions v. Moorabbin City
L.P.

W.O. I.C.I. v. Sunshine United
L.P.

W.O. Maccabi v. Park Rangers
L.P.

S. BEATON,
Secretary.

Today's Cup Semi a Sure Crowd-Pleaser

FOR the past two seasons, fixtures J.U.S.T. v. Juventus, have produced fast, crowd-pleasing soccer, and if the Olympic Park surface is not unduly rain-affected, to-day's Cup semi-final should be no exception.

The teams are evenly matched, and split the wins in their two 1957 League matches.

J.U.S.T. has shown signs of staleness of late, but wisely played a number of reserves against Brighton last Saturday, that match having little significance, and with the postponement of Sunday's World Cup fixture, the players should be rested and refreshed.

Juventus shouldn't be judged by last week's poor showing against Wilhelmina. In any match where the players of both sides pay as much attention to opponents as they do to the ball, Juventus simply can't cope. That shouldn't happen to-day if past meetings between these two can be taken as criterions.

On all-round current form, J.U.S.T. should go on to the final.

★ ★ ★ BREVITIES.

★ "Soccer News" gave Polonia the big build-up last week, and they promptly go out and get trounced by Slavia. Their own former pivot, Bill Lawrie, now with Slavia, was one of the major reasons for their downfall.

★ Fan Mrs. M. Wall sends tip that the Jordaville Citizens' Memorial Park Committee might listen to a soccer club's application for use of part of the park, which has just been levelled. Since this comes too late for last Monday's meeting of the Committee, a little detective work may be necessary to locate its headquarters.

★ Remember J.U.S.T.'s "Premiers' Blue Night" to-night at the Prahran Town Hall!

★ Slavia's Ball last week was right up to their usual high standard of gaiety, joie-de-vivre, and efficiency. V.I.P.'s present included the Hon. Mr. G. O. Reid, M.L.A., Minister for Labor, and Mrs. Reid; Senator Hannan and Mrs. Hannan; Mr. Rossiter, M.L.A.; and several members of Port Melbourne City Council.

★ St. Albans sent a mixed senior and junior team to Bendigo a couple of weeks ago, and apart from beating United 6-2, enjoyed the trip immensely.

McMILLAN FOR ENGLAND

Graham McMillan, the speedy young Queensland left-winger, who was seen here this season, leaves for England soon, and will be registered with Leyton Orient. Graham has the youth, character, and ability to go places in British soccer if he falls into the right hands, and if he gets an early break.

AND COPELAND FOR AMERICA.

Bill Copeland, Slavia's left-winger, also goes abroad soon. Bill is going to New York to join the Brooklyn Scots. We'll have to get used to the American pronunciation of our code — they call it "sucker."

"NEUE WELT" CUP.

Six clubs have entered for the post-season tournament to be played at St. Albans for the Cup put up by the newspaper, "Neue Welt." They are Melbourne, Fiorentina, Sandringham City, Fairfield, St. Albans, and a new club, Clayton. The latter is a German-Austrian combination which has been very successful in many friendly games played locally and at Geelong and Ballarat. The Cup series commences on Saturday, October 12, and will be played at the Leslie Street ground, St. Albans.

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Last Week's Results

First Division.

Wilhelmina d. Juventus, 5-1.
Moreland d. Hakoah, 2-1.
Slavia d. Polonia, 2-0.
J.U.S.T. drew Brighton, 1-1.

Second Division.

Preston d. Sunshine City, 4-0.

Third Division.

Dandenong d. Moorabbin, 4-2.
Yarra Park drew Frankston, 3-3.
Coburg d. F.N.D., 5-0.
Vic. Colts d. Park Rangers, 7-3.
Maccabi drew Sunshine United, 0-0.
Hayduk v. Brunswick, not played.

Metropolitan North.

Heidelberg d. Bayswater, 1-0.

First Division Reserves.

Geelong v. Moreland, not played.
Hakoah d. Juventus, 3-0.

Third Division Reserves.

Fiorentina d. I.C.I., 5-0.
Lions d. Coburg, 5-1.
Dandenong d. University, 3-1.
Maccabi d. Heidelberg, W.O.
Sandringham d. Sunshine Utd., W.O.
Park Rangers d. Moorabbin, W.O.

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Today's Fixtures

DOCKERTY CUP.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL.
Juventus v. J.U.S.T.

HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP.

FIRST SEMI-FINAL.
Slavia v. Polonia.

THIRD DIVISION.

(FROM 31/8/57).

Park Rangers v. Yarra Park.
Moorabbin City v. Maccabi.
Sunshine United v. Brunswick.
F.N.D. v. Vic. Colts.
Coburg v. Dandenong Rovers.
Hayduk v. Frankston.

THIRD DIV. RESERVES.

(FROM 31/8/57).

Lions (W.O.) v. Moorabbin City.
Sandringham City v. University.
Dandenong Rovers v. Heidelberg.
Brunswick v. Coburg.
I.C.I. v. Sunshine United.
Maccabi v. Park Rangers.

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HOW THEY STAND

DIVISION 1.

Team.	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
J.U.S.T.	18	12	3	3	49	33	27
Moreland	18	10	3	5	42	29	23
Slavia	18	9	3	6	39	33	21
Hakoah	18	8	3	7	32	31	19
Geelong	18	6	7	5	28	31	19
Wilhelmina	18	8	2	8	50	36	18
Juventus	18	6	6	6	32	27	18
Polonia	18	8	2	8	36	32	18
Brighton	18	5	3	10	25	39	13
Box Hill	18	0	4	14	11	53	4

League completed.

DIVISION 2.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Geo. Cross ..	18	13	2	3	45	17	28
Hellenic ..	18	13	0	5	56	27	26
S. Melb.	18	12	2	4	42	21	26
Richmond ..	18	10	3	5	37	28	23
Yallourn ..	18	8	5	5	43	28	21
Preston ..	18	8	5	5	40	40	21
Prahran ..	18	4	4	10	25	48	12
Sunshine C. ..	18	4	3	11	25	39	11
F'scray C.	18	3	4	11	32	52	10
S. Yarra ..	18	1	0	17	21	76	2

LEAGUE COMPLETED.

DIVISION 3.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yarra Park ..	20	13	5	2	60	27	31
Dandenong ..	20	13	4	3	64	35	30
Coburg	21	13	2	6	55	22	28
Vic. Colts ..	20	11	3	6	62	33	25
Frankston ..	21	11	2	8	56	40	24
Hayduk	20	9	6	5	34	27	24
Sunshine U.	20	8	5	7	47	62	21
Maccabi	18	7	4	7	39	35	18
Park R.	20	8	1	11	48	55	17
Brunswick ..	19	5	4	10	32	47	14
Moorabbin ..	21	1	3	17	35	93	5
F.N.D.	20	0	3	17	13	69	3

LEAGUE COMPLETED.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
I.C.I.	18	13	4	1	52	26	30
Lions	18	11	3	4	70	21	25
Heidelberg ..	18	10	3	5	59	31	23
University ..	18	10	2	6	40	29	22
Bayswater ..	18	9	3	6	50	34	21
St. Albans ..	18	7	4	7	35	35	18
W'town	18	8	2	8	37	49	18
Fairfield	18	6	2	10	27	44	14
C.S.R.	18	3	1	14	25	51	7
C.F.C.	18	1	2	15	18	93	4

LEAGUE COMPLETED.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne ..	18	17	1	0	143	18	35
Croatia	18	12	3	3	44	22	27
Ferntree G.	18	8	6	4	40	46	22
Rosebud	18	9	3	6	62	36	21
Vic. Police ..	18	9	3	6	51	41	21
P. Melb.	18	19	1	8	53	43	19
Sham C.	18	7	2	9	38	59	16
Wilhelmina ..	18	6	3	9	61	57	15
Pascoe Vale ..	18	7	0	16	17	104	4
G.M.H.	18	1	0	17	6	89	2

LEAGUE COMPLETED.

UNDER 17.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lions	16	14	1	1	55	12	29
Prahran	17	14	0	3	55	21	28
Preston	16	11	1	4	60	18	23
Dandenong ..	16	9	3	4	48	18	21
Box Hill	13	10	1	2	47	18	21
Army App.	16	9	3	4	32	29	21
St. Kilda	17	9	1	7	46	21	19
Sunshine C.	17	7	2	8	37	32	16
Essendon	17	6	2	8	28	37	14
Brighton	17	4	2	11	25	26	10
Fairfield	17	5	0	12	28	57	10
Wesley C.	17	3	0	14	15	60	6
Croydon	17	1	0	16	10	97	2

UNDER 15.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
St. Kilda ..	17	15	2	0	106	9	32
Brighton ..	17	13	1	2	121	11	29
Essendon ..	17	13	1	3	84	14	27
Preston	17	10	3	4	63	16	23
Heidelberg ..	17	11	1	5	64	36	23
S. Melb.	17	8	2	7	50	31	18
S. Yarra	17	8	2	7	39	40	18
Sunshine C.	17	5	1	11	33	66	11
B'meadows ..	16	4	2	10	9	94	8
Moorabbin ..	17	4	0	13	8	95	6
I.C.I.	16	2	1	13	7	89	5
Wesley C.	17	1	0	15	6	103	2

UNDER 13.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
S'shine C. A ..	16	15	0	1	40	2	30
Essendon ..	16	12	2	2	42	9	26
Ajax	17	12	1	4	36	6	25
B'meadows ..	16	8	4	6	22	31	19
S. Yarra	17	7	2	8	22	26	16
St. Kilda ..	17	5	3	9	13	36	13
S. Melb.	16	5	2	9	11	22	12
S'shine C. B ..	16	4	0	12	8	53	8

Olympic Park Programme

SEPTEMBER.

21: First Dockerty Cup Semi-final: Juventus v. J.U.S.T. (2.45 p.m.).

First Reserve Cup Semi-final: Slavia v. Polonia (1 p.m.).

22: World Cup semi-final.

28: Second Dockerty Cup Semi-final: Moreland v. Polonia (2.45 p.m.).

Second Reserve Cup Semi-final: Richmond v. Box Hill (1 p.m.).

29: World Cup Semi-final.

OCTOBER.

5: Dockerty Cup Final.

6: Reserve Cup Final.

6: World Cup Final.

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Geo. Cross ..	18	13	1	4	55	22	27
Wilhelmina ..	18	11	4	3	50	37	26
Moreland	17	11	2	4	49	23	24
Polonia	18	10	4	4	51	25	24
J.U.S.T.	18	10	2	6	51	32	22
Geelong	17	9	1	7	38	25	19
Hakoah	18	6	1	11	25	36	13
Brighton	18	5	0	13	23	70	10
Slavia	18	4	1	13	30	63	9
Box Hill	18	3	0	15	24	63	6

LEAGUE COMPLETED.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fiorentina ..	16	16	0	0	77	4	32
Coburg	20	14	3	3	54	24	31
Lions	21	14	3	4	59	33	31
Sham City ..	21	14	2	5	54	31	30
Maccabi	21	12	0	9	60	40	24
Dandenong ..	21	11	1	9	40	56	23
I.C.I.	21	10	1	10	47	41	21
Sunshine U.	20	7	3	10	21	23	17
Park R.	21	7	2	12	31	71	16
Heidelberg ..	21	6	2	13	24	55	14
University ..	20	2	3	16	22	72	7
M'abbin C.	21	2	0	19	20	59	4

UNDER 20.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus ..	14	11	2	0	45	7	26
Box Hill A ..	16	10	5	1	42	16	25
St. Kilda A ..	17	11	2	4	67	18	24
St. Albans ..	16	10	3	3	41	18	23
Essendon A ..	16	9	3	4	47	15	21
Sunshine C.	15	6	4	6	43	30	16
Brighton ..	16	7	2	7	29	30	16
Polonia	15	7	0	8	34	33	14
Wilhelmina ..	16	4	2	9	17	48	10
Maccabi	16	4	0	12	24	54	8
Box Hill B ..	15	3	2	10	19	62	8
B'meadows ..	15	3	1	11	19	40	7
Essendon B ..	16	3	0	13	21	57	6

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